

Colorado Technical University Criminal Justice Students Earn National Honors by Placing First in Crime Scene Processing

Alpha Phi Sigma and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Honor CTU Students

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (April 22, 2009) – Students at Colorado Technical University's (CTU) Sioux Falls campus have once again competed against the best and won the respect of their national peers. For the third year in a row, CTU's Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the only national criminal justice honor society, placed first in the crime scene processing competition at the joint conference with Alpha Phi Sigma and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, recently held in Boston.

In addition, the chapter claimed first-place honors in the Community Service Project Award and the Outstanding Yearbook and Chapter Goals Award. Students Cassandra Baumgaertner, Tara Burian and Verna Spriggs each received scholarships that validated the quality of their work as well as that of CTU's criminal justice program.

"We've demonstrated that, while we may be smaller in size, we can provide a high-quality product," said David W. Schrank, professor and criminal justice chair at the CTU Sioux Falls campus and faculty advisor to the Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma. "Now, as always, a high-quality education is in demand by employers."

Baumgaertner received the Regina B. Shearn Scholarship, worth \$1,000 plus an additional \$500 from the Loss Prevention Foundation. Spriggs earned a \$500 scholarship as Member of the Year, and Burian earned a \$500 scholarship from the Loss Prevention Foundation.

Other students who participated in the education seminars and national competition were: Beau Devlin, Jessica Castelluzzo, Casie Goebel, Melissa Rappe, Paul Binfet, Keli Vold and Brandy Buehner.

Last year, a new crime lab facility opened its doors at the Sioux Falls campus, boasting a modern teaching laboratory designed and equipped around CTU's forensic investigation curriculum. "Our students have an extraordinary commitment to their studies, the honor society, and to the university," Schrank said. "Based on the awards earned by our students, the quality of education offered at CTU is second to none."

About Alpha Phi Sigma

Established in 1942 by Dr. Vivian Anderson Leonard, Alpha Phi Sigma operates for the purpose of promoting excellence in scholarship and performance through a Police Science Honorary. Originally founded in Washington State, today there are over 310 chapters nationwide.

APS works in conjunction with the Academy of Criminal Justice Science, an international association that honors professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. APS and ACJS recognize academic excellence at the undergraduate, graduate, and juris doctorate levels of the criminal justice sciences.

About Colorado Technical University

Since 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU), an institution of higher learning that provides career-oriented education by teaching applied industry programs, has provided students with a pathway towards personal, academic, and professional advancement. CTU offers degree-track programs at the Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral levels in a variety of disciplines. For more information about Colorado Technical University, please visit www.coloradotech.edu. Through its internet-based channel, CTU Online, the university offers degree programs that are delivered 100% online. For more information about the online campus, visit www.ctuonline.edu

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